

REMARKS

Claims 7-10 and 14 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-6 and 11-13 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,853,291 to DeVincenzo (DeVincenzo I) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,938,437 to DeVincenzo (DeVincenzo II).

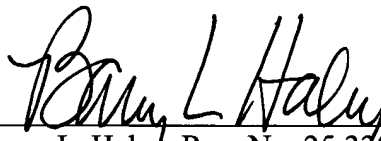
Claims 4-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over DeVincenzo I in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,921,774 to Kanomi et al.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 7-10 and 14. Accordingly, Applicant, as set forth above, has cancelled claims 1, 4-6 and 11-13 in this amendment. The cancellation of claims 1, 2 and 4-6, therefore renders the above rejections under § 103 moot. Applicant, therefore, awaits the Examiner's issuance of the Notice of Allowance for claims 7-10 and 14.

In re application: PAYTON, Kevin L.
Serial No. 09/833,898
Page 7

If there are any additional charges, including extension of time, please bill our Deposit
Account No. 13-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barry L. Haley", written over a horizontal line.

Barry L. Haley, Reg. No. 25,339
Malin, Haley & DiMaggio, P.A.
1936 South Andrews Ave.
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33316
Tel: (954) 763-3303